



*Bringing help to
Philippine Children with disabilities*

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Keeping you in touch with the work of the Project

LOOKING BACK AT AN ENCOURAGING 2006

And looking forward to a promising 2007

In this winter newsletter, we tell you of our fundraising activities in the past year, our new Chairperson introduces himself and we tell you how the Project has spread to America, courtesy of Florencia's sister. In the New Year, Florencia will be making her annual visit to Bambang where the Project is based. She will be able to see the children, talk to their carers and learn first hand about the work with the children being carried out by our Partner Committee. We will carry a report in our next issue.

Please remember in your prayers and thoughts, the 60 children and families we help and especially on 16th December when they will be enjoying their annual Christmas party, which is arranged by our Partner Committee and funded by the Project. We wish all our supporters a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a good New Year ahead. May the good Lord continue to help us to do his work in the best way we can.

Join our membership scheme and help us maintain a constant income

Our restarted Membership Scheme is going from strength to strength and we are pleased to report that at present we have 23 paid up Members whose subscriptions have contributed the magnificent sum of £650 over the last three years. We sincerely thank them for their marvellous continuing efforts, which gives so much encouragement to the committee.

This scheme is a valuable source of income that tremendously assists the work for our client children and their families. New members are always most welcome.

For further details please contact our Membership Secretary on johnstacey89@yahoo.co.uk or ring Florencia on 07875 867 739.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Bambang Sunshine Project will be held in Central London in April 2007. You would be very welcome to come to the meeting so let Florencia know if you would like to attend and if you would like to put yourself forward for membership of our lively and friendly committee.

Promising news from the Filipino/American Group

Florencia's sister, Nena Cayaban Schwartz who lives in Florida with her husband Elliot and son Jake, has recently joined the Filipino American Social Club. The club has promised to support Nena in raising funds for the Bambang Sunshine Project. Last year, \$600 was raised from 'Bowling for a Cause' which Nena and Elliot organised. This year the club will hold their Christmas party to raise funds for good causes and Nena hopes to have good support for our Project. We'll tell you more in our next newsletter.



Florencia donates fee

Florencia gave a presentation on 18th October in the Hinsley Room at Westminster Cathedral to an invited audience for the Westminster Primary Care Trust. Her subject concerned antibiotics and flu jabs. She kindly donated her fee of £100 to the Project funds.

A Welcome from our New Chairperson



Welcome to the 12th edition of our newsletter. My name is Tom Preddle and I had the privilege of taking over earlier this year as Chairperson from Dave Mowbray, who has done a wonderful job. I feel it is a great honour to have been asked. My wife Gigi (from Southern Leyte) and I are old friends of Florencia and so when she asked me, I was delighted to say yes. Bambang is a tremendous project, which does such valuable and life-changing work. As to myself, I have done many and varied jobs during my working life and at present I am working part-time at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Westminster. If you were at our recent fundraising dinner at the Inshoku Restaurant you would have seen me, as I was the quizmaster asking those fiendishly difficult questions in the music quiz. Few of which, I have to say, I could have answered if I had not had the answers in front of me - in addition to which I am more or less tone deaf. Still it was a great evening, in a good cause of which I am pleased to be able to help.

Your support

If you would like to support our work in bringing help to Philippine children with disabilities, please send donations to:

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We "Open the Doors" at Westminster Cathedral Summer Fair

The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, asked every parish in his diocese to celebrate the weekend of 15th/16th July by opening the doors of all the churches to their neighbourhood. We were very pleased to be invited to participate with a stall at the Westminster Cathedral Summer Fair on the Saturday.



Our committee members worked tirelessly throughout the day, which was joyful and filled with sincere friendship. We were pleased to welcome the Cardinal and Monsignor Mark Langham to our stall. At the end of the day, we had raised £100 (thanks to a final donation from a committee member) but more importantly we had used the event to further advertise the existence of our Project and the vital work to which we are committed.



Our team takes part once again in the Hyde Park Fun Run

This annual event was again held in London's Hyde Park on 3rd September. Simultaneous events also took place in Birmingham and Liverpool and in total over 25,000 women took part at the three venues. Over 1300 different charities were represented including of course our own Project, for the ninth successive year. This is something of a record of which we are very proud.



This year our loyal band of marvellous supporters of eight women and one young child, Hermela, ran (and occasionally walked) the three miles in support of the Project. In fact, Hermela was the fastest runner of the group. At the end of the run, with the men and boys who looked after our belongings, we enjoyed a shared and relaxing picnic in the park.

Donations and sponsorships in respect of the event realised the huge sum of £751, which is a great success for the Project. Thank you to all those who ran or attended the event on behalf of the Project and just as importantly our grateful appreciation is due to all who gave so kindly and generously.

Make sure you make a note of this event for 2007, which is usually held on the first Sunday in September. We have already received an enquiry from someone living in Switzerland who is interested in running for the benefit of the Project. If you would like to participate and support the Project, please make early contact with Florencia.



• Left to right: Frances Lina Batten, Hermela, Anna Dunn, Precious Tretasco, Lena Tretasco, Aida Cochon, Esther Murray, Florencia, Elizabeth Stacey.

Fund raising Dinner, Disco and Music Quiz

A further fund raising event was held at the Inshoku Restaurant on 14th October. The final surplus raised for the Project totalled £286. The evening was greatly enjoyed by over 60 members who faithfully turned out on what was one of the first cold evenings of the autumn.



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